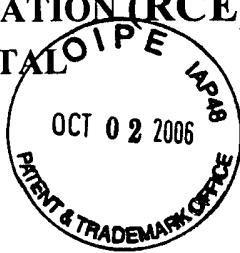


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REQUEST  
FOR  
**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/963,416
Confirmation Number	8972
Filing Date	September 27, 2001
First Named Inventor	Masahiro NUMATA
Group Art Unit	2612
Examiner Name	Shirley Chang
Matter Number	Q66412
Title	PROGRAM GUIDING APPARATUS AND METHOD

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted  
i.  Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed  
i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii.  Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)  
iv.  Petition for Extension of Time  
v.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ Months  
b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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